

1 GARY REESE: Thank you, sir. It's really a
2 pleasure for me to follow Oscar in this setting. Oscar has
3 been my hero. He's been one of those that will stand up
4 and fight for what he thinks is right. This is here is
5 right, also. A little bit about me so people know where
6 I'm from.

7 I'm Gary Reese from Panaca, Nevada. [I grew up
8 in Panaca, Nevada. I graduated from Lincoln County High
9 school in 1959. I worked at the Nevada Test Site in
10 1960 through about halfway through 1962. I have lost a
11 sister-in-law from a brain tumor who was 59 years old.

12 Again, when we was watching these above-ground
13 shots, our government told us it's safe. But yet I
14 noticed when the wind was blowing towards Las Vegas,
15 they didn't shoot the shots. If the wind was blowing
16 north, hey, it's safe, go out and watch it.

17 I used to go up on the little hill above
18 Panaca. And by the time we got down to the town from
19 one of the shots, looked like snow had fell on the
20 roads. You could see where the cars was going back and
21 forth.

22 As you know, Lincoln County High School has
23 three towns that go there - Caliente, Panaca and,
24 Pioche. Sometimes there's 40 kids graduating from high
25 school in a class. Sometimes there's just 29 of us. In
1 my class, over half -- well, not quite half of the
2 fellows -- kids I graduated from high school with have
3 passed away. I won't begin to tell you how many of them

4 have died from brain tumors, liver cancer.

5 My mother, she received \$50,000 from our
6 government. My brother received \$50,000 from our
7 government. The government said it was safe. I don't
8 know how anybody, how anybody can guarantee you life.
9 Accidents happen.

10 And to go out and watch these shots, it was
11 really miraculous for me. It was amazing to stand up
12 there and see this. But I did not know what was going
13 to follow. I've got one of my best friends right now
14 from Panaca that was diagnosed with liver cancer and
15 colon cancer, lived in Panaca, born and raised there all
16 his life.

17 So when the government tells us that it's
18 safe, you go out here, you see the routes, yes, there
19 are some people from Lincoln County supporting it. Why?
20 I think we all know the reason why. I'm opposing it
21 from what I've seen, from what I know from working at
22 the Test Site. I know how dangerous it is.

23 There are other alternatives for power. Is it
24 nuclear energy? It may be. But like the mayor said, if
25 it's that safe, then why don't we dig a hole and bury it
1 there instead of bringing it clear across the
2 United States. I'm opposing to the route and I oppose
3 Yucca Mountain as a storage facility.] Thank you very
4 much.